Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, Shirley J. Bowden, a native of Clark, South Dakota, married Kip Bowden of Huron on June 19, 1965; and,

WHEREAS, Shirley and Kip have enjoyed 37 years of marriage during which they raised three beautiful daughters and will now have more time to nurture their two grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Shirley has given nearly 39 years of dedicated public service with the United States Department of Agriculture, beginning with the ASCS office in Clark, South Dakota, on March 14, 1963, then as the Business Services Clerk in the State Office of the Farmer's Home Administration beginning July 20, 1964, working her way through various human resource positions until her final position of Administrative Programs Director for Rural Development; and,

WHEREAS, Shirley has distinguished herself as one of the most respected Human Resource Managers in the Agency because of her knowledge of the regulations, attention to detail, and high level of admiration from all of her colleagues; and,

WHEREAS, Shirley has fully supported affirmative action assuring that women and minorities, applicants and employees observe the same professional treatment and encouragement for all positions; and,

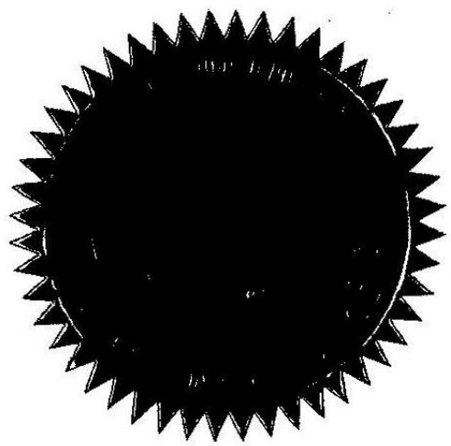
WHEREAS, Shirley Bowden has chosen to retire from service to the USDA on February 3, 2003, and her family, friends, and colleagues have chosen to recognize and congratulate her; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 31, 2003, as

Shirley Bowden Day

in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to commend this observance.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State